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JOB SHEET 2-4-32 USER FUNCTIONS USING THE DISPLAY MENU Graphic Tablet and Applications Terminal Input

INTRODUCTION

At times it is important to have a User Function display a specific resolution or a particular elevation angle. The best way to accomplish this is through the Display Menu as most of the function boxes in the "parameter" section, of the graphics tablet, do not work in a User Function definition.

OBJECTIVE

Create a User Function to display a 4 panel product via the Display Menu.

REFERENCE

NWS EHB 6-531-1, USERS GUIDE: PUP/RPGOP, Section 11.0

PROCEDURE

DEFINE USER FUNCTION 4

- 1. From the Main Menu, type U and press **RETURN**.
 - The User Function Menu displays.
- 2. Type D,4,LOWEST_FOUR_REF_LEFT_54NM_8X and press RETURN.
 - This User Function calls up, from your data base, the lowest four elevation angles of a 16 data level, .54NM, Base Reflectivity product. To get the specific quadrant, data level, resolution, and slices the Applications Terminal is used. The magnification is done using the Graphic Tablet.

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MAIN MENU

COMMAND: U
FEEDBACK:

Enter command and press return. For assistance, press the HELP button (F5).

1 (C)ONTROL (S)TATUS

(D)ISPLAY

(R)OUTINE PRODUCT SET

(G)EN AND DISTRIBUTE PRODUCTS

(T)IME LAPSE

(A)RCHIVE

(U)SER FUNCTION

(AD)APTATION DATA

(M)ÓNITOR PERFORMANCE

(H)ELP

UNACKNOWLEDGED ALERTS ACKNOWLEDGED ALERTS

SYSTEM STATUS

ALPHA PRODUCT QUEUE INDICATOR RPG PRODUCT REQUEST STATUS

USER FUNCTION MENU

COMMAND: U,D,4,LOWEST_FOUR_REF_LEFT_54NM_8X

FEEDBACK:

Enter command.

(E)XECUTE, <UF#>,<rpg>(C)ANCEL EXECUTION

(D)EFINE, <UF#>, <title>

(EN)D DEFINE AND EXAMINE *, (E)ND UF

<UF#>, [User Function # to receive control]

(W)AIT, <SECONDS>

(EXA)MINE, (T)ITLES

<UF#> * [Examine and edit]

*Note: Edit commands are available when the User Function Examine screen is displayed.

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- 3. a. Type D,G,R (typing over the "U") and press RETURN.
 - It is necessary to type over the "U" since this is a command from the (**D**)isplay Menu, not the User Function Menu. The Display Menu, with the "default" parameters for the Base Reflectivity product, displays.
 - b. Making sure the product has these parameters:

 DTA LVL
 RES
 SLICE
 SCR

 16
 .54
 0.5
 L1

- When executed, this displays the defined product in quadrant 1 of the Left Screen. The date/time/RPG are left blank to get the most recent product of this type from the Associated RPG.
- Press **RETURN** after completing the line.
- 4. Ensure the command line reads D,G,R and press RETURN.
- 5. TAB through as before, this time making the SLICE 1.5° and the SCR L2, with everything else the same as in step 3. Press RETURN upon completion.
 - This puts the 1.5°, .54 nm Base Reflectivity product in guadrant 2.
- 6. Ensure the command line reads D,G,R and press RETURN.
- 7. TAB through as before, making the SLICE **2.4°**, and the SCR **L3**, then press **RETURN**.
- 8. Type D,G,R and press RETURN.
- 9. TAB through as before, making the SLICE **3.4°** and the SCR **L4**, then press **RETURN**.
- 10. At the Command Line, type U,W,5 (typing over the D) and press RETURN.
 - This wait command, from the User Function Menu, is necessary to allow the RAMTEK time to finish processing the commands already received. The wait is nearly invisible as your User Function runs. Without the wait, the RAMTEK may "skip" a command. The length of the wait, up to 3600 seconds, depends on the amount of background maps/overlays associated to the product being displayed. You may need more or less "wait" time depending on these associations.

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DISPLAY GRAPHIC PRODUCT EDIT SCREEN

COMMAND: D,G,R FEEDBACK:

Edit product parameters and press RETURN to request product.

 PROD
 DTA
 REQ RPT REQ

 NAME
 LVL RES
 SLICE
 PARAM1 PARAM2
 RPG TIME
 DATE
 SCR
 PRI CNT MAP

 R
 16
 .54
 0.5
 L1
 H
 1
 N

USER FUNCTION MENU

COMMAND: **U,W,5** FEEDBACK:

Enter command.

(E)XECUTE, <UF#>, <rpg>
(C)ANCEL EXECUTION
(D)EFINE, <UF#>, <title>

(EN)D DEFINE AND EXAMINE *, (E)ND UF

<UF#>, [User Function # to receive control]

(W)AIT, <SECONDS>

(EXA)MINE, (T)ITLES

<UF#> * [Examine and edit]

*Note: Edit commands are available when the User Function Examine screen is

displayed.

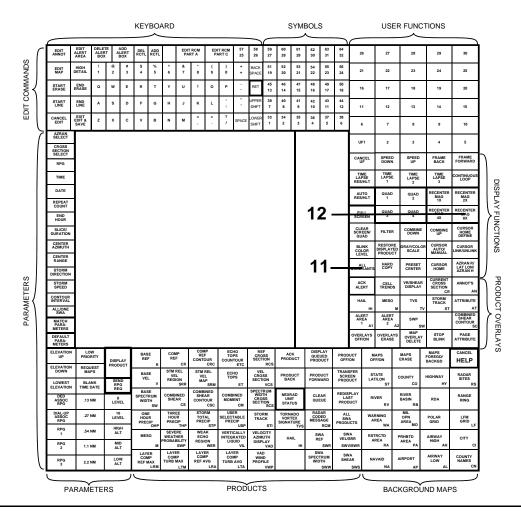
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- 11. At the graphic tablet, select **ALL QUADRANTS** with the **LEFT** button.
 - This command tells the PUP to do the next step of the User Function, in this case Recenter/Mag 8X, to all four quadrants on the left screen. Note that after "Recenter/Mag 8X" is processed for all four quadrants the ALL QUADRANTS function reverts back to ONE QUADRANT (the default).
- 12. Select **RECENTER/MAG 8X** with the **LEFT** button.
 - When the User Function is executed, all 4 quadrants are magnified on a preselected point. Remember to select your point of interest either before the User Function is started or make your WAIT long enough to select a point.
- 13. Type U,EN,E and press RETURN.
 - This command ends the User Function definition and displays the list of commands. Note that the information given by this list is rather cryptic. We know that 4 Base Reflectivity products in quadrants are displayed on the left screen, but we don't know which slices/resolutions were used. This is why the title of a User Function can be useful.
- 14. Due to editing of this Job Sheet, step 14 is intentionally left blank.

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GRAPHIC TABLET



EXAMINE/EDIT USER FUNCTION 4: LOWEST_FOUR_REF_LEFT_54NM_8X COMMAND: U, FEEDBACK: UF4 DEFINITION COMPLETE EDIT CMDS: [EACH EDIT CMD MUST BE PRECEDED BY '(U)SER FUNCTION',] (R)EPLACE END, [(E)ND OR <UF#>] (DEL)ETE,<LINE#> (I)NSERT,<LINE#> (REN)AME UF TITLE, < NEW TITLE> 1 D,G,R L1 D,G,R L2 2. 3. D,G,R L3 4. D,G,R L4 5. U,W,5 ALL QUADRANTS 6. RECENTER/MAGNIFY 8X 7. 8. U,EN,E

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- 15. From the Graphic Tablet, display a **BASE REF** product (right screen).
- 16. Use the Base Reflectivity product to select a point on a storm of interest, preferably at a range greater than 60 nm (right screen).
 - This point becomes the last selected point and the point our User Function will magnify on.

NOTE - The operator may choose to omit all magnification functions from the User Function definition. The User Function will then just display the products. You can then use the ALL QUADRANTS box to "manually" magnify all 4 quadrants centered on the point selected. The choice is up to the operator.

There are 2 ways to invoke this User Function.

AT THE GRAPHIC TABLET:

- 17. Select **UF4** (either button).
 - The User Function displays and magnifies the products we specified. This particular User Function is used to diagnose the vertical Reflectivity structure of a storm at longer ranges. A similar User Function, but with higher slices would be appropriate for storms at closer ranges. With cursors linked, you can see storm tilt, overhang, relationships of WERS and BWERs to low level echoes, and the height of Reflectivity cores.

AT THE APPLICATIONS TERMINAL:

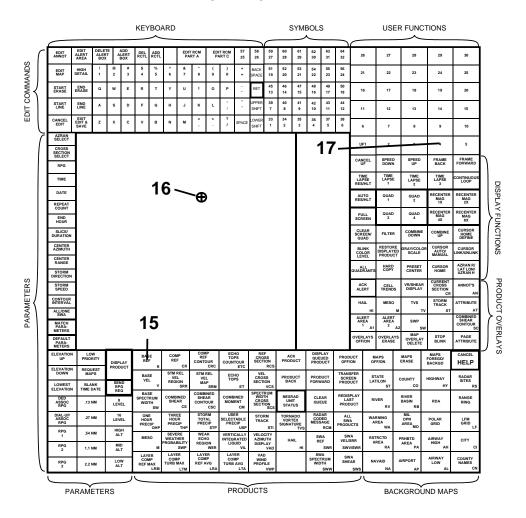
- 18. At the User Function Menu, type **E,4**; (after the "U") and press **RETURN**.
 - This (E)xecutes < UF#4>.

NOTE THAT:

- When defining this User Function an asterisk was not placed in the RPG column. That is, the RPG column was left blank when you defined the 4 Base Reflectivity products. Therefore the RPG and displayed products will always be from our Associated RPG.
- In this job sheet invoking the User Function either from the Graphics Tablet or the Applications Terminal has the same effect.

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GRAPHIC TABLET



USER FUNCTION MENU

COMMAND: U,E,4;

FEEDBACK:

Enter command.

(E)XECUTE, <UF#>, <rpg>

(C)ANCEL EXECUTION (D)EFINE, <UF#>, <title>
(EN)D DEFINE AND EXAMINE *,

(E)ND UF

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